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**MEDIA ALERT****Charles Knight, Curator at the North Carolina Museum of History,
Shares the History of D-Day**

The Museum of History pays tribute to D-Day during this interview with one of its curators.



WHAT: Charles Knight, Curator of Military History at the North Carolina Museum of History, discusses D-Day and related artifacts in this interview.

WHEN: Sunday, June 6, 2021

WHERE: North Carolina Museum of History
5 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

DETAILS: This Sunday marks the 77th anniversary of D-Day, and the North Carolina Museum of History has created a premade 2:22-minute interview to share with the press!

On the morning of June 6, 1944, thousands of ships landed on the French coast of Normandy in an Allied operation of United States, British, and Canadian forces destined to liberate the region's citizens from Nazi control. Hundreds of thousands of lives and 85 days later, the invasion succeeded in freeing northern France and opening the door to German surrender.

This interview contains a brief history of D-Day—as shared by Charles Knight, Curator of Military History at the North Carolina Museum of History—as well as rare images and artifacts found in the [Answering the Call: Experiences of North Carolina's Military Veterans, 1898–1945](#) exhibit. Knight will introduce and

highlight a paratrooper's uniform with North Carolina connections to the operation.

To view the interview, follow this [YouTube link](#). For mp4 or raw EPK copies that include sound bites and B-roll of the interview, follow this [Dropbox link](#).

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Pre-COVID 2019, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.

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